

RUGELEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

together with the report

of the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

YEAR 1968



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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
THE RUGELEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health of the people of the District, and upon the work of the Health Department for the year 1968.

The estimated mid year population for the District was 18,350, an increase of 1,500 over the previous year. This is the greatest annual increase that Rugeley has had. Ten years ago, Rugeley's population was 11,410. Since then, a movement of young people into the District, coupled with a strikingly high birth rate, has resulted in additions which have nearly doubled the population in little over a decade.

The upward trend of Rugeley's population is depicted in graphic form on page 7 which shows the striking acceleration in growth which is taking place.

There were 527 live births in 1968, giving an actual live birth rate of 28.7 (National rate 16.0). This high birth rate persists, year after year. Even when adjusted by the comparability factor, which takes account of the age and sex structure of our youthful community, the comparative birth rate is, at 27.55 still over 60% above the National average.

The still birth rate (9.00) was well below the National figure (14.0) and below the Rugeley figure for the preceding year (12.12). Ten years ago (1958) this figure (at 25.36) was nearly three times the present rate. This year's figure is very good indeed, and reflects credit on the maternity services.

The infant mortality rate, at 18.99, was marginally above the National average of 18.0 per thousand live births. The causes were prematurity (4), respiratory disease (3) and congenital heart disease (3).

There were no maternal deaths for the 13th year in succession. Maternal care gets better year by year. There is acceptance now of the need to admit to specialist obstetric units, all cases which are in any way not normal. Possible troubles are anticipated by antenatal care, and appropriate arrangements to deal with them, are made beforehand.

There were 128 deaths in the District during the year, giving an actual death rate of 7.0 which is much the same as in the preceding year (7.5). Rugeley's 'correction factor' is substantial at 1.53, and when this is applied the comparative rate (not actual) is 10.71. The National rate for 1968, is 11.9.

Most of the deaths were at advanced ages. The prevalent longevity, which these statistics reveal, brings new and increasing problems in the care of the greater numbers of aged persons in the population. The Council is mindful of the housing needs of these disabled by age, by infirmity and by illness, and no effort is spared to use accommodation to the best advantage.

The great majority of the deaths were from the inevitable conditions of degeneration of the cardiovascular system and from cancer. Other causes were numerically far less important, being represented by only a few cases each.

Treatment makes little impression upon cancer figures which remain much the same from year to year, and prevention, which lies so much in the hands of the individual, is largely ignored. Indeed the cancer rate for Rugeley per thousand of the population, is exactly the same as the average for the previous ten years, namely 1.30 per 1,000 population. (18.7% of deaths from all causes).

Bronchitis accounted for 14% deaths, and was thus third in frequency of causes of death.

There was very little infectious disease during the year. Control of infectious diseases is perhaps one of man's greatest triumphs, and its effectiveness is now so great that the incidence of such disease has dwindled almost to vanishing point.

There were 61 notifications of measles during the year, to be compared with an average of 160 in the previous three years. If immunisation against this disease is widely accepted, it will no doubt become as rare as diphtheria and poliomyelitis are already.

There were six cases of dysentery. They occurred as sporadic cases in different parts of the District.

There were no cases of diphtheria, and no cases of poliomyelitis.

The number of cases of tuberculosis on the Register at the end of 1968, was 43, the same figure as that for the end of the preceding year. One new case was notified, and added to the Register, and one existing case was cured and removed from the Register. One case was transferred into the District and this increase was cancelled out by another case moving out of the District.

Routine checks on water supplies and upon food stuffs were carried out throughout the year. Laboratory reports on water were uniformly satisfactory, and those on foods showed only minor deviations from the required standards.

During the year, the Council built 66 units of accommodation, 301 houses and bungalows were erected privately.

It is a pleasure to record here once more my appreciation of the co-operation of colleagues, and to thank the Members of the Committee for their interest and support.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

R. WEBSTER.

Medical Officer of Health.

Area of District	2,882 acres
Registrar General's estimate of resident population	18,350
Rateable Value	£677,792
Sum represented by a penny rate	£2,563
Number of houses inhabited at the end of 1968	5,925

LIVE BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	253	251	504
Illegitimate	9	14	23
TOTAL	262	265	527

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population	28.7
Illegitimate Live Birth Rate per cent of total live births	4.3

Area Comparability Factor:-

The Area Comparability Factor provided by the Registrar General is 0.96. This Factor x Crude Live Birth Rate gives a standard Birth Rate for the District of	27.55
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 for England and Wales	16.9

LIVE BIRTHS

	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Legitimate	249	258	314	342	383	398	410	436	473	504
Illegitimate	10	7	13	6	26	14	12	18	22	25
Birth Rate per thousand estimated resident population	21.84	21.27	25.15	25.42	28.56	27.21	26.62	27.51	29.4	28.7

STILL BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	-	1	1
Total	2	3	5

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births

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Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births
(ENGLAND AND WALES)

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STILL BIRTHS

	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Legitimate	8	5	7	9	9	5	6	6	5	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Still birth Rate per 1,000 Live & Still Births	29.96	18.87	21.40	25.86	21.53	11.99	16.31	13.04	12.12	9

DEATHS

Net deaths allocated to the District after allowing for inward and outward transfers:

Male	Female	Total
62	66	128

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population 7

The Area Comparability Factor provided by the Registrar General is in this case 1.53. The Factor x Crude Death Rate gives a standard Death Rate of 10.71

Death Rate of ENGLAND AND WALES 11.9

MATERNAL MORTALITY

	Rate per 1000 live and still Births		
	Deaths	Rugeley	England and Wales
Maternal Causes (exluding abortion)	-	0.00	0.01
Others due to abortion	-	0.00	0.00
	-	0.00	0.01

INFANT MORTALITY

	<u>Actual Deaths</u>	<u>Rugeley Rate</u>	<u>England & Wales Rate</u>
<u>Deaths under one year of age:</u>			
All infants per 1,000 live births	10	18.99	18
Legitimate infants per 1,000 Legitimate births.	10	18.99	
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 Illegitimate births.	0		
Neo-Natal Mortaility Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total Live births).	7	13.29	12.3
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births).	5	9.48	10.5
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births).	10	18.4	25

	Under 1 week	1 - 2 weeks	3rd week	4th week	Total 1 - 4 weeks Neo- Natal Mortality	4 weeks - 3 months	3 months - 6 months	6 months - 9 months	9 months - 12 months	Total deaths under 1 year of age.
Prematurity	4	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	4
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2
Inguiral Artesia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Congenital heart disease	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	3
Respiratory Disease	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL	5	1	1	-	7	-	1	2	-	10

The estimated population, birth rate, Infant Mortality Rate (I.M.R.) and Maternal Mortality Rate (M.M.R.) for the past ten years as follows:

	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Population	11,860	12,130	13,000	13,650	14,320	15,140	15,850	16,500	16,850	18,350
Birth Rate	21.84	21.27	25.15	25.42	28.56	27.21	26.62	27.51	29.40	28.7
I.M. Rate	23.17	27.13	27.52	25.97	21.76	21.11	30.80	28.63	20.20	18.99
M.M. Rate	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Death Rate	8.77	7.74	8.69	13.69	8.03	7.00	9.08	7.75	7.5	7.00

CH IEF CAUSES OF DEATH IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

	Male	Female	Total	% of Total Deaths in 1968	% of Total Deaths in 1967
Heart Disease	18	19	37	28.8	34.64
Cancer	11	13	24	18.7	12.59
Cerebrovascular Disease	4	7	11	8.58	10.23
Bronchitis	13	5	18	14.0	10.23
Pneumonia	3	4	7	5.49	7.87

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1968

								<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	..	..	..				-	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other	..	..	..	..			-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	..	..	..	..			-	-
4.	Diphtheria	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	..		-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	..	..	..				-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	..	..	..	..			-	-
8.	Measles	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases							-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	..	..	..				3	-
11.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	..	..	..				-	2
12.	Malignant neoplasm, lung and bronchus	..						2	3
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	..	..	..				-	2
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms							6	6
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	..	..	..	..			-	-
16.	Diabetes	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	2
17.	Hypertension with heart disease	..	..					-	1
18.	Other heart diseases	..	..	..	..			3	2
19.	Other circulatory diseases	..	..	..				-	2
20.	Influenza	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	2
21.	Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	4
22.	Bronchitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	5
23.	Other diseases of respiratory system	..						3	1
24.	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	..	..					-	-
25.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	..						-	-
26.	Nephritis and nephrosis	..	..	..				-	-
27.	Hyperplasia of prostate	..	..	..				-	-
28.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	..	..					-	-
29.	Congenital malformations	..	..	..				1	2
30.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases							-	-
31.	Motor Vehicle Accidents	..	..	..				1	0
32.	All other accidents	..	..	..	..			2	-
33.	Suicide	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
34.	Homicide and operations of war	..	..					-	-
35.	Anaemias	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	2
36.	Other diseases of nervous system, etc.							-	1
37.	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease							1	-
38.	Ischaemic Heart Disease	..	..	..				14	16
39.	Cerebrovascular disease	..	..	..				4	7
40.	Asthma	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	1

Causes of Death During 1968, contd.

				<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
41.	Intestinal obstruction and Hernia	..	..	1	-
42.	Other diseases of digestive system	..	..	1	-
43.	Other diseases, Genito urinary system	..	..	-	1
44.	Birth Injury, difficult labour, etc.	..	..	-	3
45.	Other causes of perinatal mortality	..	..	2	-
TOTAL				62	66

NATURAL INCREASE - EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS

	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Births	259	258	314	342	409	412	422	454	495	527
Deaths	104	94	113	131	115	106	144	128	127	128
Natural Increase	155	164	201	211	294	306	278	326	368	399
Estimated Population	11,860	12,130	13,000	13,650	14,320	15,140	15,850	16,500	16,850	18,350

SECTION B

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Scarlet Fever	1	5	-	-	1	-	1
Measles	-	229	76	199	142	147	61
Whooping Cough	3	29	27	-	8	2	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Polio Encephalitis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	34	17	3	1	5	1	6
Enteric Fevers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	4	-	1	-	1	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gastro enteritis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

ANALYSIS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE BY AGE
GROUP

	Dysentery	Measles	Whooping Cough
Under 1 year	-	5	-
1 "	-	9	-
2 "	2	7	-
3 "	-	14	-
4 "	1	8	-
5 - 9 "	-	17	-
10 - 14 "	1	-	-
15 - 24 "	1	-	-
25 and over	-	-	-
Age unknown	1	1	-

	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
<u>NEW CASES</u>											
Pulmonary	6	6	-	-	5	2	5	2	6	3	1
Non-Pulmonary	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-
TOTAL	7	6	-	1	5	3	5	3	7	3	1

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER. The number of Tuberculosis cases on the Register on
31st December, 1968 was 43

	Pear-tree Ward	Hagley Ward	Ravenhill Ward	Brereton Ward	Wolseley Road Ward
Pulmonary	11	6	3	12	7
Non-Pulmonary	0	2	0	0	2
TOTAL	11	8	3	12	9

<u>Additions to Register</u>							<u>PULMONARY</u>
No. of New Notifications	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
No. of Transfers IN	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
No. Restored to Register	..	..	..	..	..	..	<u>0</u>
TOTAL							2

<u>Deletions from Register</u>							<u>PULMONARY</u>
No. Died	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
No. Recovered	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
No. of Transfers OUT	..	..	..	..	..	..	<u>1</u>
TOTAL							2

<u>Additions to Register</u>							<u>NON-PULMONARY</u>
No. of New Notifications	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
No. of Transfers IN	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
No. Restored to Register	..	..	..	..	..	..	<u>0</u>
TOTAL							1

<u>Deletions from Register</u>							
No. Died	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
No. Recovered	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
No. of Transfers OUT	..	..	..	..	..	..	<u>0</u>
TOTAL							1

CANCERS

There were 24 deaths from cancer, 8 more than in the previous year. The following table shows the trend over the last ten years.

	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Deaths	16	17	26	10	13	15	26	22	16	24
Population	11,860	12,130	13,000	13,650	14,320	15,140	15,850	16,500	16,850	18,350
Rate per 1,000 of the population	1.33	1.40	2.00	1.39	0.90	0.99	1.64	1.33	0.94	1.30

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting my 38th Annual Report, dealing with the work carried out in my Department during 1968.

DRAINAGE OF THE DISTRICT

Premises not within 100 feet of the sewer.

There is no sewer available in Wolseley Road (Part), Etching Hill (part), and Slitting Mill, where the closet accommodation is as follows:-

HEDNESFORD ROAD

2 premises (Farms)

FORTESCUE LANE

1 premise with W.C. to Septic Tank.

WOLSELEY ROAD AREA

36 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks.

ETCHINGHILL AREA

158 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks.

2 premises with privy middens.

SLITTING MILL AREA

13 premises to a private sewage disposal installation.

33 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks.

18 premises with pail closets.

SWIMMING BATHS

The Council have two paddling pools. Swimming baths are provided at three of the Schools in the area.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

(a) DRY HOUSE REFUSE - The whole of the refuse of the district is removed by the Council's workmen in two covered vehicles, normally once every week. The Council carry out Controlled Tipping at the Tip.

(b) CONTENTS OF PAIL CLOSETS, CESSPOOLS ETC - This is conveyed from the premises in a cesspool emptier. The pail closets are emptied once every week. Cesspools were emptied 254 times by the Council's workmen during the year.

HOUSING ACTS 1936 & 1957

UNFIT HOUSES

UNFIT HOUSES REPRESENTED DURING THE YEAR

The following 3 separate dwellings were represented to the Council during the year as being in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation:

51 Anson Street	Demolition Order
46A Lion Street	Closing Order
63 Queen Street	" "

HOUSES DEMOLISHED DURING THE YEAR

The following 2 houses were demolished within the district during the year:

Star Inn, Bow Street.
51 Anson Street.

In connection with the Council's Slum Clearance Scheme the tenants of the following 7 houses were rehoused during the year:

26 Albion Street.
20A Albion Street .
46A Lion Street.
Star Inn, Bow Street.
1 Rose Cottage.
51 Anson Street.
Threadgold, Love Lane.

UNFIT HOUSES STILL IN OCCUPATION AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1968

The following 19 houses (in respect of which the Council have put on Demolition Orders or Closing Orders, or accepted Undertakings not to relet) are still in occupation:-

2 Mill Lane, 15th February, 1961 Demolition Order.
Scragg, Coalpit Lane, 18th April, 1962, Demolition Order.
84 Queen Street, December, 1963, Clearance Order.
159 Main Road, Brereton, Schedule of Works Submitted.
24 Albion Street, 1st June, 1966, Demolition Order.
2 Rose Cottages, Brereton, 24th August, 1966, Demolition Order.
27 Station Road, 8th November, 1966, Closing Order.
2 Crossley Stone, 4th May, 1967, Demolition Order.
6 " " " " " " "
7 " " " " " " "
8 " " " " " " "
25 Elmore Lane, 3rd May, 1967, Demolition Order.
27 " " " " " " "
29 " " " " " " "
31 " " " " " " "
33 " " " " " " "
35 " " " " " " "
39 " " " " " " "
63 Queen Street, 18th December, 1968, Closing Order.

UNFIT HOUSES NOT OCCUPIED AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1968

The following 40 houses are not occupied for human habitation but are subject to Clearance Orders, Demolition Orders, or Undertakings not to relet:-

38 Lichfield Street, Undertaking.
9 Market Square, 18th April, 1956, Closing Order.
11 " " 21st November, 1956, Closing Order.
Bostock, Glovers Hill, 21st December, 1960, Closing Order.
Smith, " " " " " " "
3 Mill Lane, 15th February, 1961, Demolition Order.
Molineux' House, Glovers Hill, 22nd November, 1955, Undertaking
28 Market Street, Owner undertook to submit improvement scheme.
30 " " " " " " "
20A Albion Street, 1st June, 1966, Demolition Order.
22 " " " " " " "
26 " " " " " " "
30 " " " " " " "
32 " " " " " " "
26 King Street, December, 1963, Clearance Order
28 " " " " " " "
86 Queen Street, " " " " "
88 " " " " " " "

UNFIT HOUSES NOT OCCUPIED AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1968 (CONTD.)

90	Queen Street, December, 1963, Clearance Order
92	" " " " " "
96	" " " " " "
98	" " " " " "
100	" " " " " "
1	Crossley Stone, 4th May, 1967, Demolition Order.
3	" " " " " "
4	" " " " " "
5	" " " " " "
9	" " " " " "
10	" " " " " "
11	" " " " " "
13	" " " " " "
37	Elmore Lane, 3rd May, 1967, Demolition Order.
41	" " " " " "
1	Rose Cottages, Brereton, 24th August, 1966, Demolition Order.
3	" " " " " "
4	" " " " " "
Lower Birches Farm House, 3rd April, 1954, Undertaking.	
42	Horse Fair, Undertaking.
10	Forge Road, Closing Order.
2	houses at Love Lane, Demolition Orders.

HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT, 1954

Discretionary Grants

Thirty one applications were completed during the year. The grants paid totalled £6852.11s.8d for the completed work and the cost of the work involved was £12,505.3s.4d.

HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

Standard Grants

Eighteen applications were completed during the year. The grants paid totalled £2591.9s.3d for the completed work and the cost of the work involved was £5878.4s.9d.

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958

During 1968 advances for house purchase was made in 70 cases.

Number of STATUTORY NOTICES complied with: 62 as follows:-

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS, 1936 & 1961

Section 17.	Blocked Drains	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Section 29.	Clearance of Sites	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Section 39.	Defective or insufficient drainage	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Section 45.	Defective Closet Accommodation	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Section 75.	Provision of new dustbins	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Section 83.	Cleansing of premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Section 93.	Houses made fit or repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
Section 93.	Offensive accumulations	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Section 93.	Animals causing nuisance	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Section 93.	Noise from motor cycles	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Section 93.	Noise from dogs	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Section 93.	Smoke nuisance	0

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Section 7.	Insuffiencent sanitary conveniences	2
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Number of INTIMATORY or VERBAL NOTICES complied with: 473 as follows:

Food Hygiene Regulations	4
Dwelling houses made fit or repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	204
Obstructed drains cleansed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
Drains amended in construction	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Water closet basin renewed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Water closet cisterns repaired or renewed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
Dustbins provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	125
Animals improperly kept	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Cesspools repaired	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Burst water piping	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
Offensive accumulations	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Dirty houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Caravans causing nuisance	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Overcrowding	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Smoke nuisance	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9

PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS WHICH CAN BE CONTROLLED BY BY-LAWS OR REGULATIONS

There are no Common Lodging Houses in this District. There are no underground sleeping places in the district. There are no By-Laws for: Houses-let-in-lodgings, tents, vans, sheds, etc., or Lodgings and accommodation for Hop pickers. There are By-Laws for dealing with offensive trades. There is one offensive trade in the district. There are By-Laws for the control of markets and also there are By-Laws in respect of the business of barbers and hairdressers.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Up to the 31st December, 1968 a total of 141 premises had been registered under the above Act. The premises comprised the following types:

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>No. persons employed</u>	<u>No. of inspections during the year</u>
Offices	37	176	37
Retail Shops	85	458	85
Wholesale Shops and warehouses.	3	9	3
Catering Establishments	15	77	15
Fuel Storage Depots	1	5	1
TOTALS	141	725	141

NOTIFICATIONS OF ACCIDENTS

No accidents were reported during the year.

ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS FOUND AND REMEDIED DURING THE YEAR

Cleanliness	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Overcrowding	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Temperature	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ventilation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Lighting	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Sanitary conveniences			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Washing facilities	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Supply of drinking water	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Sitting facilities	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Seating (sedentary workers)			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Eating facilities	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Floors, passages, stairs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Exposed machinery	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Training of young persons working at dangerous machinery										..	0
Prohibition of heavy work			0
First Aid	1
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TOTAL	9
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RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

There are no premises in the district which are controllable by the Council under the Act, viz., Registered Premises where filling materials are used in the manufacturing of bedding, toys, upholstery, etc., or Licensed Premises, where rag flock is (a) manufactured or (b) stored for distribution to Registered Premises.

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS AND NOTICES

Number of visits during the year, either in connection with Infectious Disease, or in course of investigating complaints, or in carrying out surveys amount ot 2345.

RODENT CONTROL

The work of dealing with infestations has been carried out throughout the year under my supervision.

During the year the part time Rodent Operative was on duty 483 hours. Of this 65 hours were spent on treating the Council's property such as sewage works, refuse tips etc., 316 hours were spent at private houses, canal banks, hedge rows etc., and the remaining 102 hours were spent on either rechargeable work at business premises, or the general inspection of business premises.

SCHOOLS

In Rugeley Town and Brereton the sanitary conveniences are on the water carriage system. The Slitting Mill Schools have chemical closets and sink waste is drained to a cesspool. The water supply to all the schools is received from the South Staffordshire Waterworks Main.

HOUSING

1. UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES INSPECTION

- (1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health Acts or Housing Acts 350
- Number of Inspections made for that purpose 350
- (2) Number of Houses inspected and reoorded under Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 307
- Number of Inspections made for that purpose 307
- (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as being unfit for human habitation 3
- (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under previous subhead) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 304

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES

Number of defected dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers .. 204

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS

HOUSES CLOSED OR DEMOLISHED

(a) - Proceedings under Housing Act, 1957.

- (1) Demolished as a result of Clearance Orders (Section 42) 0
- (2) Demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure (Section 17).. .. 1
- (3) Closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by the owners under Section 16 and still in force 0
- (4) Parts of buildings closed (Section 18) 0

(b) - Proceedings under Housing Act, 1949, closed as a result of Closing Orders under Section 3 0

(c) - Proceedings under Local Government (miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953. Closed as a result of Closing Orders under Sections 10 and 11 0

(d) - Proceedings under Housing Act, 1957 closed as a result of Closing Orders under Section 17 2

REPAIRS

(a) - Proceedings under Public Health Acts, houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.

(1)	By Owners	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
(2)	By local authority in default	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0

(b) - Proceedings under Housing Act, 1957, houses made fit after service of formal notices.

(1)	By Owners	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	49
(2)	By local authority in default	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0

CARAVANS

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

There is a caravan site for 12 caravans and four individual caravans licensed under the above Act within the Urban District.

No nuisance has resulted from these caravans during the year. The names of those holding licences and the site of each caravan are as follows:

Mr. A. Venables, 19 Sheep Fair, Rugeley.
Mr. R. Gater, Love Lane, Rugeley (12 caravans).
Mrs. E. Preston, 70 Peakes Road, Etching Hill, Rugeley.
Messrs. Judkin and Jones, Market Street, Rugeley.
Mr. M.J. Clay, Slitting Mill, Rugeley.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. FOOD PREMISES IN THE DISTRICT

Wet Fish Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Combined Fruit, Vegetable and Wet Fish Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Butchers Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Cafes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fried Fish Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
General Shops for Sale of Sweets, Grocery, Fruit & Vegetables											23
Sweet Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Cake Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Fruit and Vegetable Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
School Canteens	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Public Houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25
Chemists	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Works Canteens	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Private Clubs, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11

All these premises comply with Regulations 16 and 19 of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

2. PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 14 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938 AND THE ICE CREAM REGULATIONS.

(a) For the preparation or manufacture of cooked meats etc.	..	..	..	14
(b) For the manufacture of ice cream by hot mix	..	..	..	0
(c) For the manufacture of ice cream by cold mix	..	..	..	0
(d) For the sale and storage of ice cream only. Such ice cream being purchased from the leading manufacturers	..	..	..	53

All comply with the Act and Regulations.

3. METHODS OF DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOODS

- (a) Meat Unfit meat is disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Meat (Staining and Sterilization) Regulations, 1960.
- (b) Other Foods Tins pierced, jars etc., broken. Contents of same and other foods buried at refuse tip.

4. The following was found to be unfit for human consumption:-

367 tins fruit, 152 tins tomatoes, 58 tins of meat, 106 tins of beans, 159 tins peas, 53 tins milk, 6 tins carrots, 10 tins potatoes, 16 tins spaghetti, 21 tins soup, 121 packets flour, 60 packets cereals, 4 tins custard powder, 2 jellies, 306 eggs, 11 tins of beetroot, 6 70 packets butter, 10 cakes, 27 packets biscuits, 6 packets crisps, 10 tins of coffee, 13 packets salt, 51lb sausage, 29 meat pies, 14 tins baby food, 155lb cheese, 3 tins ham, 15 jars pickles, 32 packets cooking fat, 34 tins fish, 4 jars fish, 96½lb fish, 62 packets sugar, 81 packets tea, 24 jars jam, 4 loaves of bread, 580 lb raw meat, 25 tins rice pudding, 3 tins mixed vegetables, 6 tins cream, 4 tins macaroni, 1 tin mustard, 2 bottles sauce, 2 packets bacon, 30lb rabbit, 5lb prunes, 50lb dates and 77lb chicken.

Frozen Foods

265 packets meat products, 418 packets fish, 424 packets vegetables, 135 packets fruit juice, 84 packets potatoe chips, 68 packets pastry, 20 packets mousse, one turkey, 6 chickens, 1 packet pork chops, one packet lambs liver, 10 packets sausage and 7 packets fish cakes.

5. ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT) REGULATIONS, 1947-52

It will be seen that no ice cream is now manufactured in the district by either hot or cold mix.

6. FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955, AND FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1960

During the year legal proceedings were taken in the following cases:

<u>FOOD</u>	<u>FOREIGN BODY</u>	<u>AMOUNT PAID BY MANUFACTURERS IN COSTS/FINES</u>
Bread	Grease marks	£10 fine. £6.6.0 Costs.
Chips	Cigarette end	Dismissed on payment of £6.6.0 Costs.
Bread	Wire	£25. fine. £10.10.0 Costs.
Bread	Fly	£25. Fine £8.6.0 Costs.

7. POULTRY INSPECTION

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

MEAT INSPECTION

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	14	112	90	5	9	0
Number inspected	14	112	90	5	9	0
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	2	60	9	3	5	0
Carcasses of which some part of organ was condemned	2	8	0	0	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticercosis	28.57	60.71	10.0	60.0	55.5	0
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	0	4	0	0	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affect with tuberculosis	0	3.56	0	0	0	0
<u>Cysticercosis only</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	0	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0

The condemned figures are on the high side because our only Slaughterhouse is a casualty station for the emergency slaughter of animals from the districts surrounding Rugeley. It is also used by the Ministry of Agriculture Inspectors for the slaughter of animals under the T.B. Order. The cows with Tuberculosis were all under the T.B. Order.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE AND KNACKER'S YARD
Food and Drugs Act, 1955 Section 62

There is one slaughterhouse and one Knacker's yard licensed under the above Act within the district. They are as follows:-

Slaughterhouse, Love Lane	Owner A. Parker & Sons Ltd.
Knacker's Yard, Power Station Road.	Owner A. Parker & Sons Ltd.

SLAUGHTERMEN
Slaughter of Animals Acts 1933 & 1951

Mr. E.E. Upton,	Wolseley Road, Rugeley
Mr. G. Parker	Bridge House, Love Lane, Rugeley
Mr. P. Parker	Bridge House, Love Lane, Rugeley
Mr. J.K. Rosser	43 Springfields Avenue, Rugeley
Mr. F. Southwell	4 Leathermill Lane, Rugeley
Mr. K.A. Hollins	32 Ravenslea Road, Rugeley
Mr. R.M. Walker	1 Love Lane, Rugeley.

WATER SUPPLY

The water is supplied by the South Staffordshire Water Company. This supply has been satisfactory (a) in quality and (b) in quantity.

In addition to the samples we submit to the County Analyst and County Bacteriologist, the Water Works Company take frequent samples of the raw water for bacteriological and chemical examination (a) before treatment (b) after treatment, and (c) from taps in our district.

The supply is a constant one, and does not have a plumbo-solvent action. There was no action in respect of any form of contamination during the year.

All the dwelling houses etc., in the district are supplied from the public mains, and the supply in each case is directly over the sink.

The following are reports of samples of the Council's Public Water supply:-

ANALYST'S REPORT

pH Value	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7.3
											Parts per million
Total solid matter dried at 212°F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	365.0
Free and Saline Ammonia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Albuminiod	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.023
Nitric Nitrogen	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.2
Chlorine present as Chloride	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40.0
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 80°F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.20
Appearance - Clear and Colourless											
Metallic contamination	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	none
Total Hardness	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	220 as Ca. CO ₃
Carbonate Hardness	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	139 as Ca. CO ₃

REMARKS: This water is chemically of satisfactory quality, no abnormal taste was detected.

BACTERIOLOGIST'S REPORT:

Probable number of coliform bacilli - Nil per 100 ml.
Probable number of bact. coli. (Type 1) - Nil per 100 ml.

PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACTS, 1928 & 1936
Petroleum (Mixtures) Order, 1929

Licences were granted subject to the licensees complying with the Council's regulations and the Chief Fire Officer's recommendations. The premises licensed within the Urban District are listed below:-

Palfreyman's Yard, Sheep Fair, Mr. A.Manton	500 gallons
Garage, Brereton Road, Messrs. J. Edwards & Son ..	9000 gallons
Garage, Wolseley Road, Messrs. J.S.Pendlebury & Son	2000 gallons
Garage, Anson Street, C.J. Sargeant	1000 gallons
Garage, Market Street, Rugeley Motors	9000 gallons
Garage, Wolsley Road, Mr. S. Cubley	7500 gallons
Garage, Armitage Road, Lea Hall Garage	6000 gallons
Garage, Elmore Lane, Messrs. M.A. & C.J. Whieldon ..	1000 gallons
Mr. A. Parker, Bridge House, Love Lane	500 gallons
Thorn Automation, Ravenhill	500 gallons
Rugeley Industrial Co-operative Society Ltd.	750 gallons
Staffordshire Fire Brigade, Taylors Lane	40 gallons
Garage, Wolseley Road, Richardson Transport	9000 gallons
Petrol Service, Springfields Estate, Richardsons Transport	12000 gallons
Lea Hall Colliery	1000 gallons
Midway Service Station	9000 gallons
Imperial Garage, Armitage Road	12000 gallons
Pear Tree Garage, Hednesford Road	5000 gallons
J.R. Hindley & Son Ltd., Wharf Road	1000 gallons

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

The deposit and lead peroxide gauges were first put into operation in 1954. The following results were obtained:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Solid Deposit</u>	<u>Sulphur Dioxide</u>
	<u>Monthly Average</u>	<u>Daily Average</u>
	<u>Tons per sq. mile.</u>	<u>mg. of S.O.₂.</u>
		<u>Collected by 100 sq. c.m.</u>
1954	12.11	1.00
1955	9.63	1.01
1956	8.98	0.87
1957	7.73	0.77
1958	8.85	0.84
1959	7.56	0.91
1960	8.31	0.86
1961	10.28	0.77
1962	8.48	0.99
1963	9.58	0.85
1964	13.55	0.92
1965	14.09	0.61
1966	15.49	0.62
1967	9.95	0.57
1968	15.95	0.69

FACTORY ACT 1961

1. INSECTIONS For Purposes of Provision as to Health.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by the local authority	-	-	-	-
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the local authority	46	52	-	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the local authority (excluding out workers' Premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	46	52	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prose- cutions were instituted.
Particulars (1)	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (s.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (s.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2	2	-	-	-

3. OUTWORKERS - Nil

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient servant,
J.T.G. CRADDOCK,
Chief Public Health Inspector
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